

Amendments to the Claims:

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 25, wherein the rendering comprises displaying the video of the portions and playing the audio of the portions.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 25, wherein a probability indicates whether a portion is an exciting portion of the program.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 18, wherein the rendering comprises selecting the plurality of portions that have probabilities that exceed a threshold value, and rendering the selected portions as the summary.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 25, wherein the receiving a program and the receiving meta data comprise receiving both the program and the meta data from the same source.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 25, wherein the receiving meta data comprises receiving the meta data from a remote source via a network.

22. (Original) A method as recited in claim 21, wherein the network comprises the Internet.

23. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 25, wherein the receiving meta data comprises receiving meta data generated manually.

24. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 25, wherein the receiving meta data comprises receiving meta data generated automatically.

25. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
receiving a program including both audio and video;
receiving meta data corresponding to the program, wherein the meta data comprises a plurality of probabilities, each corresponding to a portion of the program, the probabilities representing a probabilistic combination of sports-specific events and sports-generic events identified in the program;
and
rendering, based on the meta data, portions of the program as a summary of the program.

26. (Original) A method as recited in claim 25, wherein the sports-specific events comprise baseball hits, and wherein the sports-generic events comprise excited speech.

27. (Previously Presented) One or more computer readable media including a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 25.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 36, wherein the content provider and the meta data provider are the same.

30. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 36, wherein the content provider and the meta data provider are coupled to the plurality of receivers via the Internet.

31. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 36, wherein the plurality of receivers are further to render, based on the meta data, portions of the programming content as a summary of the programming content.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 36, wherein the plurality of receivers are further to select, from the plurality of portions, portions that have probability indicators that exceed a threshold value, and render the selected portions as the summary.

34. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 36, wherein the meta data is generated manually.

35. (Previously Presented) A system as recited in claim 36, wherein the meta data is generated automatically.

36. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a content provider to make programming content available to requesting clients;
a metadata provider to make meta data, corresponding to the programming content, available to the requesting clients, wherein the meta data identifies, for each of a plurality of portions of the programming content, an indicator of a likelihood that the corresponding portion is an exciting portion of the programming content, and wherein the meta data comprises a plurality of probabilities, each corresponding to a portion of the programming content, the probabilities representing a probabilistic combination of sports-specific events and sports-generic events identified in the program content; and
a plurality of receivers coupled to receive the programming content from the content provider and the meta data from the meta data provider.

37. (Original) A system as recited in claim 36, wherein the sports-specific events comprise baseball hits, and wherein the sports-generic events comprise excited speech.

38. (Currently Amended) A computer-based method of automatically summarizing a program, the method comprising:

~~identifying~~ automatically detecting a plurality of sports-generic events from the audio of the program;

~~identifying~~ automatically detecting a plurality of sports-specific events from the audio of the program; and

~~identifying, by combining the sports-generic events and the sports-specific events,~~ a set of portions of the program as a summary of the program based on the detected sports-generic events and sports-specific events.

39. (Original) A method as recited in claim 38, further comprising transmitting the set of portions to a client computer as the summary of the program.

40. (Original) A method as recited in claim 39, wherein the transmitting comprises transmitting the set of portions via the Internet.

41. (Currently Amended) ~~A method as recited in claim 38,~~ A method of automatically summarizing a program, the method comprising:

identifying a plurality of sports-generic events from the audio of the program;

identifying a plurality of sports-specific events from the audio of the program; and

identifying, by combining the sports-generic events and the sports-specific events, a set of portions of the program as a summary of the program

wherein the sports-specific events comprise baseball hits, and wherein the sports-generic events ~~comprise excited speech.~~

42. (Original) A method as recited in claim 38, wherein the program includes both an audio portion and a video portion.

43. (Original) One or more computer readable media including a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 38.

44-65. (Cancelled)

66. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the rendering comprises displaying the video of the portions and playing the audio of the portions.